has not yet started, as the inter-banking arrangements are in the process of being put in place. Exports from India to the Republics of the erstwhile Soviet Union including to Russia, however, have continued to flow. In order that the two way trade takes place on a sound footing, the Russian Government have been advised to export items listed in the trade protocol to India so as to generate funds for payment of exports to that country on a continuing basis.

Decline in exports to Russian States

103. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's export to Russia and other former USSR states has declined;

(b) what items are to be exported to Russian States during the current year; and

(c) what is the financial arrangement vis-a-vis Ruee Rouble rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir. There has been some decline.

(b) The items of export to the Russian Federation during the current year include agricultural products, chemical and allied products, leather & leather manufacturers, textiles etc.

(c) In so far as to the current trade protocol with Russia and other Republics of the erstwhile USSR are concerned, all contracts are to be denominated in freely convertible international currencies. The Rupee-Rouble rate has no relevance in this regard.

Frozen telephone exchanges in Delhi

104. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of telephone exchanges in Delhi which have been frozen and since when each such telephone exchange is lying frozen; and

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to defreeze these exchanges and by when each of these telephone exchange is likely to be defrozen?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) A statement furnishing the required information is attached. (*See* below).

(b) Steps are being taken to defreeze these exchanges during the current financial year progressively subject to availability of material resources particularly exchange equipments.

Statement

Details of Frozen Exchanges as on 31-3-1992

Name of the Exchange	Shift provided upto (Date of Shift applied)	Committed Cases cleared upto (date of registration)
1	2	3
Kidwai Bhawan	1-2-92	7-4-92
Jor Bagh	1-1-92	7-3-92
Lodi Road	30-6-90	30-6-90
Rohini (Sector III)	31-8-89	22-11-91